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1. The airfield of Mineralnye Vody (44°12'N/43°08'E), Stavropol Oblast, was located just west of the town and south of the railroad line to Rostov-na-Donu (47°15'N/39°53'E), from where a spur track branches off to the airfield. There was level terrain west and south of the field. The north-south extension was about two km, while the east-west extension was from 3,000 to 4,000 meter. There were no solid runways or taxiways. The field had red boundary lamps. The landing field was lighted by a light mounted on the tower of the administration building.
2. Installations at the field included an administration building with a tower-like superstructure, in which the passengers were served; two temporary administration buildings; a double hangar, a steel structure with a curved roof; two-story brick buildings, each of them about 12 meters long, quartering flying personnel; a fuel dump consisting of five to six tanks surrounded by earth walls, and one shed.
3. Up to 10 twin-engine Douglas-type commercial planes fitted with radial engines and cabin windows, in addition to five to six bi-planes were seen at the field. Single-engine fighters also landed there repeatedly.
4. Throughout the day a twin-engine commercial plane would land or take off from the field almost every thirty minutes. According to airfield employees, scheduled flights were made from the field to Baku (40°25'N/49°50'E) and Rostov-na-Donu.

Attachment: Sketch of the Mineralnye Vody airfield.

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